

06-18-2022

**HONORABLE ORDER OF KENTUCKY COLONELS
AWARD 314 GRANTS TOTALING \$3.1 MILLION
REFUGE FOR WOMEN KENTUCKY AN HONORED 2022 RECIPIENT**

Nicholasville, KY – Refuge for Women Kentucky is proud to announce it received a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (HOKC) in the amount of \$6774.54 to purchase supplies for Survivor Made, including a computer, leather, candle jars and soy wax, all of which are essential in expanding the program.

For eleven years, Refuge for Women has provided specialized care for women who have escaped sex trafficking or sexual exploitation, affording them safe housing at no charge to the resident, with around the clock care as residents progress through evidence-based, trauma-informed programming. Survivor Made is the social enterprise formed by Refuge for Women, working to create jobs, build confidence, and deepen community engagement for women who many have barriers to employment to help them transition to successful independent living.

HOKC will award \$3.1 million in grants supporting 314 non-profits, impacting more than 3.9 million Kentuckians. Grants are made possible through donations from contributing Kentucky Colonels from throughout the Commonwealth and around the world who chose to exercise this honor in a meaningful way.

According to **Commanding General Gary Boschert**: “The year 2021, early 2022 was a challenging year and the Kentucky Colonels stepped up to the challenges. Through extremely generous individuals we were able to increase our regular grant impact for the Good Works Program by over \$1,000,000.00. This year we are awarding 3.1 million dollars, the most money we have ever been able to spend on the program. In addition, the horrible storms that devastated Western Kentucky, Colonels stepped up and donated millions of dollars and we are able to grant 3.7 million for the long-term recovery of the region. Thank you, Colonels, for your generosity and continued support. Your help allows all the Trustees to help impact millions of Kentuckians.”

About the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels is a 501(c) (3) entity dedicated to supporting charitable activities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The organization is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees. The “Kentucky Colonel” commission is an honorary title granted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Since 1951, the organization has pursued its mission through annual grants totaling \$60 million to more than 1,600 nonprofits. Of those Colonels’ contributions, 100% are awarded to nonprofits across the state. Each grant is thoroughly vetted by the trustees and staff. Though the corporate name is The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, most know it by its long-term trademark, KENTUCKY COLONELS. Visit kycolonels.org to learn more.

-- END --